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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 16, 2007

This Response and Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2007 in the above-identified patent application. With a five-month extension, these documents are due on or before Monday, September 17, 2007 (September 16, 2007 being a Sunday). Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Five-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-558A.

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments To The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.